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1. A general amnesty for all political refugees is in process of preparation in Czechoslovakia. It is to be made public in the fall of 1954 and is to be publicized by an exceptionally powerful propaganda drive.
2. Under the terms of this amnesty any refugee who makes an application to the Czechoslovak authorities abroad will be granted a visa to return home, together with the promise that he will not be punished.
3. The amnesty is, however, not to apply to prominent anticommunist refugees, although a number of these, hand-picked for the purpose by the Czechoslovak government, is also to be approached abroad with offers of comparatively high positions in the government or civil service.

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